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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

LA ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal entity;
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal
entity; and DOES 1 through 10 inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2:20-cv-02291-DOC-KES
Assigned to Judge David O. Carter

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Status Conference

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4 Malow, Defendants City of Los Angeles (“City”) and County of Los Angeles (“County”),
5 and intervenors Orange County Catholic Worker, Los Angeles Catholic Worker, and Los
6 Angeles Community Action Network (collectively, the “Parties”) respectfully submit this
7 status report in response to the Court’s April 15, 2020 Amended Order, which ordered the
8 parties to file a joint status report regarding the proposed settlement agreement to use the
9 site at 16th and Maple as a parking area for recreational vehicles, vans, and cars being
10 resided in by homeless persons, and specifically addressing: (a) the status of the
11 environmental review, including any tentative findings and conclusions; and (b) any non-
12 environmental issues remaining unresolved that pertain to the proposed settlement
13 agreement. [Dkt. 70.]

14 A. The City’s Plan To Shelter 100+ People At 16th And Maple

15 The property located at 16th and Maple is one of 10 properties owned by the State
16 of California (or one of its agencies or departments) located in the City of Los Angeles
17 that were identified by the State pursuant to Executive Order N-23-20 as available for use
18 on a short-term emergency basis to provide shelter to persons experiencing homelessness.
19 It is one of two State properties located in downtown Los Angeles, and the only one in
20 downtown that does not have a structure on it.

21 Once the property was identified for possible use, the City developed a plan to
22 place 63 shelter housing units on the property. The City began negotiating with the
23 California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), which controls the property, to lease
24 the property to provide emergency shelter for persons experiencing homelessness. The
25 City purchased the first 50 shelter units from the Pallet Shelter Company to house one or
26 two persons per unit. In addition to the 50 new housing units, the site will have
27 bathrooms (supplemented by mobile hygiene units for showers); a facility for case
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1 management staff to provide services; and 24-hour security. The City contracted with
2 Volunteers of America to operate the site.

3 B. Environmental Issues Raised Recently By The State

4 On April 13, 2020, the City received a memorandum dated April 10, 2020, in
5 which Caltrans raises potential environmental concerns related to this property. Caltrans
6 transmitted the memorandum to the City via email at 10:00 am on April 13. Counsel for
7 the City was unaware of this memorandum at the time it filed the City's Status Report
8 [Dkt. 65] or appeared at the 10:00 am status conference on April 14, 2020.

9 In order to expedite the process to utilize the property at 16th & Maple, the City
10 reached out to Caltrans and the Governor's Office for assistance. However, as of the date
11 of this report, the environmental issues remain unresolved, and likely will for several
12 weeks, meaning the site at 16th & Maple cannot be made immediately usable as
13 contemplated by the Court.

14 C. The Parties Agree To Use A Different Location For Safe Parking

15 In light of the 16th and Maple site not being immediately available, the City
16 proposed four possible alternative locations for safe parking for RVs and other vehicles
17 occupied by persons experiencing homelessness: a parking lot at 749 South Los Angeles
18 Street, a parking lot at 2245 West 8th Street; a parking lot at 1327 South Lawrence Street,
19 and a parking lot at 323 West 87th Street.

20 Plaintiffs and Defendant County had no objection to any of the four proposed sites.
21 Intervenors had no objection to the locations on Los Angeles Street and 8th Street, but
22 object to the locations 87th Street and Lawrence Street.

23 D. Update On The Residents At 16th & San Julian

24 One of LAHSA's teams returned to visit the people residing in RVs at 16th and San
25 Julian in downtown Los Angeles on Monday, April 20, 2020. They attempted to speak
26 with everyone in the 16 RVs found there, but only three people answered. LAHSA
27 provided COVID-19 flyers, face masks, waters, and snacks, and asked whether the
28 residents were interested in a safe parking location for their RV. Only one individual said

he would be interested in safe parking, the other two were not interested. LAHSA will follow-up to try to contact more residents, to provide resources to help with registration for those who need it, and to continue exploring the safe parking option.

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